

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Allowed) A golf club head, comprising: a golf club head including a ball striking face and a top wall, means to reduce club head weight and permit the saved weight to be redistributed in the club head including a light weight hosel in the club head having a top surface that is coplanar with or projects upwardly a short distance from the top wall, and a ferrule constructed of a material substantially lighter than the club head mounted against the top surface of the hosel, said ferrule having a downwardly depending flange seated in a groove in the club head to resist side loading on the ferrule, said ferrule having an upper small diameter portion and a lower large diameter portion to blend into the upper surface of the top wall adjacent the hosel, said ferrule having an outer surface that curves outwardly from the upper portion to the lower portion sufficiently so its lower end is tangent to the upper surface of the top wall adjacent the hosel.

2. (Allowed) A golf club head as defined in claim 1, wherein the club head groove is an annular groove in the club head, said ferrule flange being annular and seated within the annular groove in the club head.

3. (Allowed) A golf club head as defined in claim 2, wherein the hosel has a shaft receiving bore therein, said groove in the club head being a counter bore in the hosel bore.

4. (Allowed) A golf club head as defined in claim 2, wherein the hosel has a shaft receiving bore therein, said annular groove being spaced radially outwardly from the hosel bore in the club head top wall.

5. (Allowed) A golf club head as defined in claim 2, wherein said annular groove in the club head is threaded and engages threads in the ferrule annular flange.

6. (Allowed) A golf club head, comprising: a metallic golf club head including a ball striking face and a top wall, means to reduce club head weight and permit the saved weight to be redistributed in the club head including a light weight hosel integral with the club head with a top surface coplanar with or projecting upwardly from the top wall less than 0.200 inches, said hosel having a shaft receiving bore therein, an annular groove in the club head coaxial with the hosel bore, and a lightweight non-metallic ferrule seated on the hosel top surface, said ferrule having an integral downwardly depending annular flange seated in

the annular groove in the club head to resist side loading on the ferrule, said ferrule having an upper small diameter portion and a lower large diameter portion to blend into the upper surface of the top wall adjacent the hosel, said ferrule having an outer surface that curves outwardly from the upper portion to the lower portion sufficiently so its lower end is tangent to the upper surface of the top wall adjacent the hosel.

7. (Allowed) A golf club head, comprising: a metallic golf club head including a ball striking face and a top wall, means to reduce club head weight and permit the saved weight to be redistributed in the club head including a light weight hosel integral with the club head with a top surface coplanar with or projecting upwardly from the top wall less than 0.200 inches, said hosel having a shaft receiving bore therein, a threaded counter bore in the top of the hosel bore, and a lightweight non-metallic ferrule seated on the hosel top surface having an integral threaded downwardly depending annular flange threadedly seated in the hosel counter bore to resist side loading on the ferrule, said ferrule having an upper small diameter portion and a lower large diameter portion to blend into the upper surface of the top wall adjacent the hosel, said ferrule having an outer surface that curves outwardly from the upper portion

to the lower portion sufficiently so its lower end is tangent to the upper surface of the top wall adjacent the hosel.

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~~8. (Currently amended) A golf club head, comprising: a golf club head including a ball striking face and a top wall, means to reduce club head weight and permit the saved weight to be redistributed in the club head including a light weight hosel in the club head, and a ferrule constructed of a material substantially lighter than the club head mounted adjacent the hosel, said ferrule having a downwardly depending flange seated in an enlarged portion of the hosel in the club head to resist side loading on the ferrule, said ferrule having an upper small diameter portion and a lower large diameter portion to blend into the upper surface of the top wall adjacent the hosel, said ferrule having an outer surface that curves outwardly from the upper portion to the lower portion sufficiently so its lower end is tangent to the upper surface of the top wall adjacent the hosel.~~

9. (Currently amended) A golf club head, comprising: a metallic golf club head including a ball striking face and a top wall, means to reduce club head weight and ~~permit the saved weight to be redistributed in the club head.~~

~~including a light weight hosel integral with the club head with a top surface coplanar with or projecting upwardly from the top wall less than 0.200 inches, said hosel having a shaft receiving bore therein, said hosel bore having an enlarged upper portion, and a lightweight non-metallic ferrule seated adjacent the hosel, said ferrule having an integral downwardly depending flange seated [in the hosel bore upper portion] in an enlarged portion of the hosel bore in the club head to resist side loading on the ferrule, said ferrule having an upper small diameter portion and a lower large diameter portion to blend into the upper surface of the top wall adjacent the hosel, said ferrule having an outer surface that curves outwardly from the upper portion to the lower portion sufficiently so its lower end is tangent to the upper surface of the top wall adjacent the hosel,~~

Please cancel Claims 10, 11, and 12 without prejudice to the subject matter therein.

- 10. (Cancelled)
- 11. (Cancelled)
- 12. (Cancelled)